

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**  
**Application Ranking Summary**  
**McKinley SWCD**

<b>Program:</b> EQIP 2002	<b>Ranking Date:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> McKinley SWCD	
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>	
<b>Planner:</b>	
<b>Farm Location:</b>	

**National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds, groundwater contamination or point source contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	60 Point(s)
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable amount of ground or surface water conservation?	60 Point(s)
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	60 Point(s)
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	20 Point(s)
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	50 Point(s)

**State Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Irr. Crop #1 - Treatment of this land will have a beneficial impact on a 303(d) listed stream segment?	50 Point(s)
2. Irr. Crop #2 - Treatment of this land will enhance the benefits of an active section 319 project?	50 Point(s)
3. Irr. Crop #3 - This land is within a NMED Category I watershed?	50 Point(s)
4. Irr. Crop #4 - Habitat for an at-risk species will be protected/enhanced?	50 Point(s)
5. Irr. Crop #5 - Noxious weeds are present and will be treated?	50 Point(s)
6. Grazing #1 - Treatment of this land will have a beneficial impact on a 303(d) listed stream segment?	50 Point(s)
7. Grazing #2 - Treatment of this land will enhance the benefits of an active section 319 project?	50 Point(s)
8. Grazing #3 - This land is within a NMED Category I watershed?	50 Point(s)
9. Grazing #4 - Habitat for an at-risk species will be protected/enhanced?	50 Point(s)
10. Grazing #5 - Noxious weeds are present and will be treated?	50 Point(s)

**Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. GR #1 Does applicant have a current EQIP contract, that is not being applied on schedule?	-25 Point(s)
2. GR #2 Has applicant had an EQIP contract within the last five years that was terminated due to non-compliance?	-100 Point(s)
3. GR #3 Does the applicant have a current Conservation Plan on file at the field office?	25 Point(s)
4. GR #4 Will you defer grazing of the key species greater than 50% of the growing season on 50% of the contracted acres?	100 Point(s)
5. GR #5 Will the applicant conduct monitoring during the contract period and provide data to NRCS FO as specified in the Conservation Plan?	25 Point(s)

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6. GR #6 Will the applicant accept and implement an RMS level conservation plan on the contracted acres?	100 Point(s)
7. GR #7 Will there be practices in the contract to control or eradicate noxious weeds identified by the local work group.	75 Point(s)
8. GR #8 Will this treatment include practices (314, 342, 362, 382, 410, 378, 550, or 528A), that will address sheet, gully & rill erosion? (if present)	75 Point(s)
9. Irr.Crop #1 Does applicant have a current EQIP contract, that is not being applied on schedule?	-25 Point(s)
10. Irr.Crop #2 Has applicant had an EQIP contract within the last five years that was terminated due to non-compliance?	-100 Point(s)
11. Irr.Crop #3 Will the treatment improve irrigation efficiency by 20% or less? (NRCS - FIRS Calculation)	15 Point(s)
12. Irr.Crop #4 The treatment will improve irrigation efficiency by 21-30% (NRCS - FIRS Calculation)	25 Point(s)
13. Irr.Crop #5 The treatment will improve irrigation efficiency by 31 - 35% (NRCS - FIRS Calculation)	50 Point(s)
14. Irr.Crop #6 The treatment will improve irrigation efficiency by 36 - 40% (NRCS - FIRS Calculation)	100 Point(s)
15. Irr.Crop #7 The treatment will improve irrigation efficiency greater than 40% (NRCS - FIRS Calculation)	200 Point(s)
16. Irr.Crop #8 Will the applicant accept and implement a RMS level Conservation Plan on the contracted acres?	200 Point(s)
17. FW #1 Does the applicant have a current Conservation Plan on file at the field office?	25 Point(s)
18. FW #2 Is the applicant willing to develop a Conservation Plan and implement NRCS practices in cooperation with a Forestry Agency?	50 Point(s)
19. FW #3 Is the applicant willing to improve understory vegetation diversity through forestry conservation practices?	50 Point(s)
20. FW #4 Is the applicant willing to increase understory vegetative production through the implementation of forestry conservation practices?	50 Point(s)
21. FW #5 Is the applicant willing to use forestry conservation practices to improve long-term indicators of trends as per 528?	50 Point(s)
22. FW #6 Is the applicant willing to improve or maintain canopy cover as per NRCS forestry practice standards?	50 Point(s)
23. FW #7 Will applicant implement an RMS level conservation plan on contracted acres?	125 Point(s)
24. FW #8 Does applicant have a current EQIP contract, that is not being applied on schedule?	-25 Point(s)
25. FW #9 Has applicant had an EQIP contract within the last five years that was terminated due to non-compliance?	-100 Point(s)